

The apple crop of Kansas and Missouri will be large, but not as large in some sections as in other years. Still the crop will be abundant and apples may be expected to rule this fall at low figures. In every variety except peaches it is a very fruitful season.

The Kansas *Prohibitionist* warns the republican party that the twelve hundred thousand who petitioned the recent Chicago convention for a prohibitory plank, and were contemptuously snubbed, will still be here in November and their votes will show if they were entitled to respectful treatment.

The state elections to be held previous to the presidential election, which will occur November 4th, will be as follows:  
Alabama first Monday in August.  
Kentucky, first Monday in August.  
Tennessee, first Thursday in August.  
Arkansas, first Monday in September.  
Maine, second Monday in September.  
Georgia, first Wednesday in October.  
Ohio, second Tuesday (14th) in October.  
West Virginia second Tuesday in October.  
Five of these states are conceded to the democrats, two of them to the republicans (Maine and Vermont); and in two, Ohio and West Virginia, there will be severe contests.

#### Ohio O. K.

Denver News: The election of ex-Senator Thurman, John R. McLean and General Durbin Ward as delegates at large from Ohio shows that all the factions in the democratic party of Ohio have harmonized their differences and will work together like brothers in the coming campaign. This is a most hopeful sign of the times. Ohio is an October state, and if a victory for the democracy can be won there in October the republican campaign will go to pieces and the democratic ticket will have a walk-over everywhere a month later. A democratic defeat will not make much difference, as Ohio has been a republican state in every presidential contest for twenty-eight years. The delegation will support Cleveland almost unanimously.

#### A Faithful Fisherman.

As a faithful and persistent fisherman, Ben. Butler has no rival. It is true he does not land his fish every time he hooks one, but he gets more bites than all the rest of fishers in troubled waters put together. One peculiarity of his fishing is the frequency with which he changes his bait. He has already landed two nominations, and is casting his line for more. The first nomination that was conferred upon him this year, was that of the anti-monopoly party, from which it is to be inferred that he is a strong opponent of excessive capital. Besides being an anti-monopolist, he has turned out to be one of the most rabid greenbackers in the whole country, having accepted a nomination from that party with an eagerness bordering on frenzy. He goes, moreover, to Chicago, with the solid Massachusetts delegation at his back, and does not hesitate to say, what some knowing ones have been suspecting, that he is an aspirant for the nomination. As a delegate from Massachusetts to the democratic national convention, he will have to assist in making a presidential candidate to defeat himself, as the head of the anti-monopoly ticket, which places him in rather anomalous position; but, then, Ben is never more at home than when he is in an anomalous position. We presume that if he should capture the democratic nomination, he would also have the presumption to keep right on running simultaneously in opposition to himself on the greenback ticket. In order to appear before the public as riding two horses going in different directions, he would cheerfully pay the additional expense of the greenback campaign during the coming contest. Taking him altogether, Butler is undoubtedly the willingest man in the United States as far as presidential nominations are concerned. We see it stated that when he learned that the Undertakers' National Association intended holding a convention he dropped the secretary a note, stating that if the organization contemplated putting a presidential ticket in the field, they might consider him as a candidate. It does not seem so very improbable that Butler should have done this very thing, when his extreme willingness to be endorsed by Tom, Dick and Harry is taken into consideration. He steps into the arena this year with the legend I. W. I. B.—I Want It Badly—inscribed all over his banner, and if there be any truth in the scriptural saying, "Knock and it shall be opened unto you," Butler will certainly get into the White House sooner or later. In fact, his plans are cleverly laid, and the possibility of his capturing the democratic nomination is not so remote as might be supposed. He is picking up delegates all over the country, and several secret organizations are doing effective work in his behalf. Hence he may not have intended it as satire when, in accepting one of his recent nominations, he wrote: "If the electors shall entrust me with executive powers, my official acts will be governed by the platform of principles enunciated by the party." We forget which party it was, but it was one of them. It does not make much difference which one it was. It was probably some reform party.—*Texas Siftings.*

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